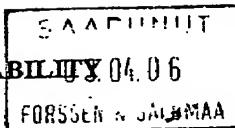


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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:
 

the international application in the language in which it was filed  
 a translation of the international application into \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))  
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))  
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
 

the international application as originally filed/furnished  
 the description:  
 pages 1 - 9 as originally filed/furnished  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_  
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the claims:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished  
 pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
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**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to paper and board. The problem to be solved is to make paper from combustible raw materials in such a way that the paper has properties corresponding to those prepared with conventional inorganic fillers.

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1:SU 1079717 A  
D2:FI 102402 B

Document D1 and D2 describe use of betuline in paper. Betuline is not used as a filler in D1 but a suspension of betuline is applied on a preliminarily prepared moist blank. The suspension is prepared by dissolving betuline in ethanol and adding water. The obtained paper has improved whiteness and photostability while maintaining high mechanical strength. In D2, betuline is used as pigment in a coating slip for paper or board.

Thus, the claimed invention differs from the disclosure in D1 and D2 and the invention defined in claims 1-12 is therefore novel.

There is no indication in D1 or D2 to use betuline as a filler in paper or board and therefore the invention defined in claims 1-12 can not be considered obvious to a person skilled in the art.

The invention is industrially applicable.